

ELMVALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada

"Elmvale Presbyterian Church is a Christian Community where Everyone is Welcome, sharing God's love through worship, music, prayer, teaching and outreach."

This year, Elmvale Presbyterian celebrates 163 Years of Christian Witness.



Service: "The Fifth Sunday of Lent"

Sunday 17th March, 2024



Minister: Rev. Tom Mason M.DIV

A Warm Welcome to any Newcomers. Please come and join us for Coffee after our Service.

Please stand for the entry of the Bible if you are able.

Prayer before Worship:

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, speaking through the Scriptures. Reveal your truth for our lives and our times, through Jesus Christ, the Living Word.

Amen

Announcements: Marlene Lambie, the Clerk of Session.

Call to Worship: Marilyn Fleming

Please refer to the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Lenten Liturgy in your Bulletin.

Hymn # 389 – Breathe on me, Breath of God

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and The Lord's Prayer: (Unison)

Creating God, Loving Christ, Guiding Spirit,
With the promise of spring and new life awakening,
you wake us from our slumbers.
You are faithful to us through every season of the year
and every season of life.
The hope you offer in Jesus Christ draws us together,
as your Spirit rises within our hearts.
Even as the cross looms on the horizon,
we praise you for Jesus' courage and compassion,
which bring renewal to us in the midst of all our challenges.
We praise you, O God, for such love that will never let us go.
Amen.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and Loving God,
as we draw closer to the Cross,
we recognize ways we fall short of your hope for us.
We get lost in our own concerns
and neglect to show love, even to those right beside us.
We find some people too difficult to care for.
We think others unworthy of your love and ours.
Forgive us and renew a right spirit within us,
so that we find the courage to go on
and the compassion to reach out in your name so we may serve
you more faithfully, day by day,

as we pray the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lords Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus said, Come to me all you who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Friends, trust that peace and forgiveness are God's gifts to you this day. Be renewed by the power of the Spirit that moves with you into each new day. **Amen.**

Family Hymn #570 – I have Decided to Follow Jesus

Family Time

Choir Anthem

Scripture: Psalm 51:10-12 (Responsive) June Ritchie

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

All: and take not your holy spirit from me,

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

All: and sustain in me a willing spirit.

The Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

Message: "The Seed that Grows in the Heart" Rev. Tom

Hymn # 211 - Take up Your Cross

The Prayers of the People Isabel Savage

Invitation to the offering.

Jesus reminds us that a seed surrenders its life to the ground in order to bear fruit. What we surrender to God in our offering will also bear fruit in the world, for the sake of Christ, our Lord. As springtime begins this week, sow seeds of God's love as you offer your gifts to God.

Doxology

Offertory Prayer

God of growth and new life, with our gifts we offer you our thanks and praise for the promise of spring and the promise of resurrection in Christ Jesus. With these gifts, accomplish more than we can ask or imagine, as they bear fruit in the world you love, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN # 569 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

GOD SENDS US OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION & BLESSING:

May the LORD bless and keep you,
May the LORD shine his face upon you,
May the LORD grant you his peace, **Amen**

Walk With the Lord.

Congregational Happenings and Events

Sun March 17 -The Lenten Bible Study – "Practicing Jesus' 7 Last Words" Session #6 at 7pm – In person (parlor) at Elmvale Presbyterian and on Zoom. Please contact Elizabeth Hill hillea@rogers.com or Rev Tom tomsmaison@hotmail.com for your Zoom Link and Study

material. This will be a seven- week study that will finish with the Easter Sunday Service message. Study Sessions Remaining: Sunday March 17 & 24 at 7pm. The Bible Study group will receive an e-mail for last week's study by e-mail.

Mon March 18 – Mission and Outreach at 10 am

Wed March 20 – Session at 7 pm

Thurs March 21 – Choir Practice at 7 pm.

Sun March 24 - Palm Sunday – Holy Communion - regular service.

Maundy Thursday March 28 – Communion Supper Service – Elmvale Presbyterian Church Hall – Dinner at 6pm, Service at 7pm. Please sign up. Everyone Welcome.

Good Friday March 29 – 11am at St Johns United Church. Everyone is invited to attend. Please Contact St Johns United for service details. **PLEASE NOTE SERVICE TIME CHANGE TO 11AM.**

Sunrise Service Sunday March 31– 7:30am at Heritage Park. Everyone is invited to attend.

Easter Sunday March 31 - regular services 9:45am Knox, Flos at Crossland and 11am at Elmvale Presbyterian.

Holy Week Daily Prayers – Email Handout – Please contact Rev Tom if you would like a copy of the daily prayers. tomsnason@hotmail.com

We are still in need of Soup and Appetizer Recipes for our Cookbook. If you have any exceptional ones, please submit them to Sue Montgomery and Terry Mason.

Worship and Nurture needs help. We need volunteers to help with the fellowship after the service. You can do this in a couple different ways. First, one can supply the food (bake or buy), second you can share the responsibility with a friend, or you can donate financially and the committee will look after purchasing the food. Thank you.

Please see the Food Bank list insert in your bulletin for needed items. Thank you

Monetary Donations to the church can now be submitted by auto-deposit to the email address as printed below.

The email to use is: donatetoepc@rogers.com

Sermon Notes:

Peace be with you all.

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Food Bank needs:

Black beans	beef and turkey gravy
pancake mix	Cream of chicken soup
canned meat	canned stew
creamed corn	canned fruit
jam	cookies
canned mixed vegetables	

Monetary donations are very much appreciated
and are used to buy dairy products,
fresh vegetables, etc.

Thank You